

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Budget Work Session
April 21, 2016

Members Present: Johnny Woodward, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, District 1
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Dorothy Pendley, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant to the County Administrator
Nathan Miller, County Attorney

Call to Order:

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the budget work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the County Administration Conference Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray VA. A quorum of the Board was present.

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Wiatrowski moved that the Page County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss personnel matters relating to a County employee for the purpose of considering such person's assignment, performance, salary, disciplining, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia and to discuss the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds and to discuss the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia. Supervisor Foltz seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Woodward, Guzy, Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Pendley. Nay: None.

Exit Closed Session: 6:45 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Wiatrowski moved the closed meeting be adjourned and the Page County Board of Supervisors reconvene in open session. Supervisor Stroupe seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Guzy, Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Pendley, Woodward. Nay: None.

Recess: The Board took a recess at 6:46 p.m.

Reconvene: Chairman Woodward reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room.

Certification of Closed Meeting:

To the best of my knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

Recorded Roll Call Vote:	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
D. Keith Guzy, Jr.	X			
David Wiatrowski	X			
Mark Stroupe	X			
Larry Foltz	X			
Dorothy Pendley	X			
Johnny Woodward	X			

No action was taken as a result of Closed Session.

The Board then recited the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the Invocation given by Mr. Dave Guzy.

Budget Review and Discussion:

Mrs. Moler reviewed the revised expenditure request sheet and outlined her recommended reductions as well as the reductions the Board proposed at the April 7th budget session. Supervisor Guzy recommended to keep the reductions as proposed. Mrs. Moler pointed out that the County portion of the proposed budget has been reduced by approximately \$700,000 from the current year's budget.

Donna Whitley-Smith, School Superintendent, explained that included in the school's budget request is an increase for 2% salary increases for all employees (\$412,084), VRS rate increase for professional staff (\$96,000), and an increase in the health insurance benefit per enrollee (\$336,000). Overall, the local share of the school budget request is for an increase of \$326,618. Supervisor Guzy pointed out that a \$0.175 real estate tax rate increase would be needed just to cover the requested local share increase for the school system. Chairman Woodward noted that a 1¢ increase on the rate equals \$200,000. He said that in order to fund the \$326,618 additional for the schools and \$160,000 additional for the County, the rate would need to be increased by 2.5¢. The Board either needs to find more cuts or increase taxes. Supervisor Guzy indicated that he would not support a 2.5¢ tax rate increase. He suggested the Board look at the County budget and school budget to find more cuts. He noted that he would like to provide the funding to complete the Vo-Tech Center Health Sciences Building request. In addition, he would like the Board to consider the school's request to establish a CIP fund from their remaining funds at the end of the year.

Supervisor Foltz suggested that the schools budget be reduced by \$50,000 and the Sheriff's budget reduced by \$50,000. This would equate to half a cent on the real estate rate. Supervisor Guzy suggested reducing the schools budget request for local

share by \$165,000 and agreed to reduce the Sheriff’s budget request by an additional \$50,000.

The budget and tax rate public hearing was advertised as follows:

**PAGE COUNTY
SYNOPSIS OF THE BUDGET
FOR INFORMATION AND FISCAL PLANNING
PURPOSES ONLY
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 through JUNE 30, 2017**

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2503 and 15.2-2506, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing in the Page County Board of Supervisors Room, 103 South Court Street, Luray, VA 22835, at 7:00 PM on April 21, 2016, at which meeting any citizen of the County shall have the right to attend and state their written or oral views of the proposed budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The proposed budget will not be approved, adopted, or ratified by the Board of Supervisors until at least seven days following this public hearing.

REVENUE ESTIMATES	Adopted Revenue Budget Year Ending <u>June 30, 2016</u>	Proposed Revenue Budget Year Ending <u>June 30, 2017</u>
General Fund	17,565,739	18,559,278
VPA	2,767,150	2,636,600
Comprehensive Services	825,660	1,428,105
Capital Improvement	1,415,277	105,491
School Operating	37,890,985	38,073,870
School Cafeteria	1,776,375	1,842,486
VJCCCA	30,076	30,076
CVWP	61,565	61,341
School Health Fund	637,000	
Parks and Recreation	25,000	25,000
Airport Hangars	<u>91,000</u>	<u>91,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$63,085,827	\$62,853,247

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES	Adopted Expenditure Budget Year Ending <u>June 30, 2016</u>	Proposed Expenditure Budget Year Ending <u>June 30, 2017</u>
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County of Page Calendar Year 2016
Tax Classifications and Proposed Levies

Year	Real Estate& Mobile Homes	Personal Property	Machinery &Tools	Motor Carrier	Aircraft
2015 Levy	\$0.64	\$4.64	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.50
2016 Proposed Levy	\$0.67	\$4.64	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.50

All levies are per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation at fair market value.

Public Hearing – Tax Rates:

Chairman Woodward opened the public hearing on the tax rates at 8:05 p.m.

Public Speakers:

Charles Yates commented regarding the personal property tax rate. He said that at \$4.64, it is the highest rate in the Valley, except for Fauquier County. The rate, he said, may be acceptable for cars, but not for recreational vehicles (RV). He indicated that he owns an RV and he pays \$2,971 in taxes; however, he pays \$1,300 for his house. He stated that some counties have a separate tax rate for boats and recreational vehicles and he requested that the Board consider adopting a special rate for those.

Dan Coughlin read the Board's mission statement out loud and commented that the Board has not been good stewards of taxpayer money. He was opposed to any tax rate increase.

With no further speakers, Chairman Woodward closed the hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Public Hearing – FY 2016-2017 Budget:

Chairman Woodward opened the public hearing on the budget at 8:21 p.m.

Public Speakers:

Jim Schaberl asked the Board to think about the future and put the money where the priorities are such as education and landfill.

Lynda Minke commented that the County has made tremendous strides over the past several years and it is in the best position now than it has been in for a long time.

With no further speakers, Chairman Woodward closed the hearing at 8:28 p.m.

Board Discussion:

Supervisor Stroupe indicated that there is more money going out than coming in. The Board has the County's best interest in mind and the focus needs to be on economic development. He said there has to be a tax increase.

Supervisor Pendley commented that the cost of everything is rising and she did not see how the Board could keep going year after year and not increase taxes.

Motion: Supervisor Pendley moved to increase the real estate tax rate by \$0.02 from \$0.64 to \$0.66 for 2016. Supervisor Wiatrowski seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 4-2. Aye: Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Pendley. Nay: Guzy, Woodward.

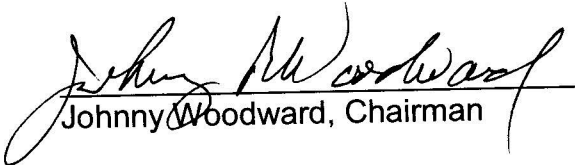
Setting the PPTRA Percentage for 2016:

Rebecca Smith, Commissioner of the Revenue, explained the Personal Property Tax Relief Act and Page County's reimbursement amount that is available is \$1,640,790.80. She said that all of this amount needs to be used or at least as much as possible. Therefore, based on the PPTRA, as of January 1, 2016, she recommended that the rate be set at 29% for tax year 2016.

Motion: Supervisor Guzy moved to adopt the 2016 PPTRA rate at 29%. Supervisor Wiatrowski seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Guzy, Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Pendley, Woodward. Nay: None.

Adjourn 8:55 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.


Johnny Woodward, Chairman


Amity Moler, County Administrator